

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026

5:00 p.m. Regular Session
470 Searls Avenue, Sequoia
Nevada City, CA 95959

10725 Pioneer Trail # 201, Truckee, CA 96161
23221 Foresthill Road, Foresthill, CA 95631
11952 Masters Court, Auburn, CA 95603

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Community Representative, and Chair
Amber Baker, Parent Representative
Makala Clinton, Parent Representative
Gabriella Stockdale, Parent Representative
Amea Medeiros, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Katy Baggett, Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Janice Eggers, Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Bernadette Healy (Auburn), Amea Medeiros, Scott Namanny (Foresthill), David Stanger, Gabriella Stockdale, Christine Sween. **Absent:** Meshawn Simmons

1. **Call to Order: 5:02 pm**
2. **Roll Call:** Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Katy Baggett, Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Janice Eggers, Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Bernadette Healy (Auburn), Amea Medeiros, Scott Namanny (Foresthill), David Stanger, Gabriella Stockdale, Christine Sween.
3. **Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

The March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Charter Council Agenda, as well as the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, Contracts, and Warrants, were presented for approval.

Amea Medeiros made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Amber Baker seconded—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Amea Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

4. Discussion: Other

None.

Information/Discussion Items:

5. Information: Learning Center Updates—Dawn Anthney (Nevada City), Janice Eggers (Truckee), Christine Sween (Auburn/Foresthill)

Janice, Dawn and Christine provided updates on learning center activities, field trips, and highlighted current classroom topics. The co-ops across all campuses are working on exciting units such as life cycles of plants and animals, the middle east, physics lessons supported by an applied physics lesson at Roller King, financial literacy lessons, and raising trout tadpoles. A number of the co-ops are on year-end field trips to study ocean habitats and California history. All campuses continue to work on CAASPP completion and enrollment for the next school year is looking really good.

6. Information: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with an LCAP update. Still working on data collection, and the County office workshop will take place in May.

7. Information: Charter Renewal—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with an update on the Charter renewal. Things are going well. Currently working on the districts' approval for our learning centers and gathering data.

8. Information: County Oversight—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided a recap of the County oversight visit and letter.

9. Information: Student Achievement—B.J. Hatcher

B.J. provided an update on CAASPP testing and will bring i-Ready data to the May meeting.

10. Information: 2025/26 Budget and Cash Flow—Meshawn Simmons

Peter provided an update on the 2025/26 Budget and Cash Flow. Everything is on track.

Action Items:

11. Action: Use of Ending Fund Balance Funds Up To 100K for Relocatable Completion—Meshawn Simmons

Amee Medeiros made a motion to use up to 100k from the ending fund balance to complete the Nevada City Learning Center Relocatable. Gabriella Stockdale seconded the motion—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Amee Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

12. Action: Use of Ending Fund Balance Funds Up To 75K for Building Upgrades—Meshawn Simmons

Amber Baker made a motion to use up to 75k from the ending fund balance for Nevada City Learning Center building upgrades to accommodate new staff and updates. Makala Clinton seconded the motion—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Ameer Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

13. Action: Forest Charter School Bylaws—Meshawn Simmons, Peter Sagebiel

The Forest Charter School Bylaws were presented for approval. Mostly legal updates. Gabriella Stockdale made a motion to approve updates to the Forest Charter School Bylaws. Ameer Medeiros seconded the motion—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Ameer Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

14. Action: Forest Charter School Policies—Meshawn Simmons

The Professional Boundaries: Adult/Student Interaction, Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols, and Investigation of Student Residency Policies were presented for approval.

Amber Baker made a motion to approve the Professional Boundaries: Adult/Student Interaction, Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols, and Investigation of Student Residency Policies. Makala Clinton seconded—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Ameer Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

15. Action: 2026/27 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook—Meshawn Simmons

The 2026/27 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook was presented for approval. This is an annual approval for legal updates and additions.

Gabriella Stockdale made a motion to approve the 2026/27 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook. Ameer Medeiros seconded—all ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Ameer Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

16. Action: Forest Charter School 2025/26 BCBA, OT, Nurse Salary Schedule—Meshawn Simmons

The 2025/26 BCBA, OT, Nurse Salary Schedule was presented for approval. This position is being filled this school year and needs to be approved.

Makala Clinton made a motion to approve the 2025/26 BCBA, OT, Nurse Salary Schedule. Gabriella Stockdale seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Amee Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

17. Action: Forest Charter School 2026/27 Salary Schedules–Meshawn Simmons

The Forest Charter School Substitute and Supplemental Salary Schedules were presented for approval, reflecting updates to support current staffing needs.

Amber Baker made a motion to approve the 2026/27 Forest Charter School Substitute and Supplemental Salary Schedules. Amee Medeiros seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ayes: Amber Baker, Makala Clinton, Amee Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

18. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel

- Staffing Updates-Peter provided a recap of the staffing changes in the Office, Auburn, NCLC 3-5 Co-op, and Sped
- Upcoming Staff Evaluations- Peter (with the support of campus Admin) will begin year-end evaluations.
- Other - Charter Council Elections. Dan and Makala will not return in 26/27. We are looking for parent representatives to fill these positions.

19. Future Agenda Items

- i-Ready and CAASPP comparisons (same students not taking both?)

20. Closed Session - Director's Evaluation

The Council met in closed session to discuss the Director's Evaluation. Nothing to report.

21. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2025/26 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

2026: 5/12, 6/9*, 6/9**

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

22. Action: Adjourn at 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

5/12/26

Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

5/12/26

Date

